

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 5th 1999

2m Counties Contest

Normally, activity in the Autumn leg of the 2 Metres Counties Contest is well down on the Spring event. However, this year was an exception and last Sunday's event was much better supported than usual. Conditions seemed to be very good and the leading stations ended up with over 20 counties in the log. Competition should be very keen in several of the sections and we look forward to seeing a few new names on the leader board. If you participated at all, please do send a log to the contest manager John EI6IR at QTHR. All logs, irrespective of size are invaluable for log checking purposes. You may also submit your entry by e-mail to ei6ir@tinet.ie.

Limerick Radio Club

Members of Limerick Radio Club provided emergency communications for the annual Burren Walk, organised by Thomond Orienteers, on Saturday August 28th. Those who took part were Brian EI9AL, Dave EI2AMB and John EI5FOB. Even with such a small number of operators, they managed to cover the ground with no problems being encountered. 157 walkers took part in the event. Members of Limerick Radio Club took part in the counties contest last weekend. Paul EI6FE operated from Woodcock Hill in the High Power section, running 40 watts into a 9 element Tonna Yagi. He worked 18 Counties and had 53 QSOs on FM and SSB with the best DX being EI9CJ in Dundalk. Brendan EI0CZ and friends operated from Tountinna and worked 23 Counties and had 58 QSOs, all on FM.

IRTS Committee meeting

The next IRTS committee meeting will be held in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel in Athlone on Saturday next September the 11th. An important item on the agenda will be the briefing of delegates Paul EI5DI and Dave EI4BZ who will be representing the society at the IARU Region One conference in Lillehammer in Norway in mid-September. Members wishing to express any opinions should do so in writing to the Secretary John EI7IQ or to any committee member.

Midland Radio Experimenters Club

The monthly meetings of the Midland Radio Experimenters Club will resume at the Royal Hotel in Roscommon on Tuesday next the 7th of September at 8.00pm. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Information on the club can be got from Noel EI6HW on 0902-74726.

Fingal Radio Club

Members of Fingal Radio Club are organising a bus to the LLandudno Radio Rally on Saturday 6th November. The HSS departs Dun Laoghaire at 07.40 hours and arrives in Holyhead at 08.40 hours. On the return journey it departs Holyhead at 18.30 hours and arrives in Dun Laoghaire at 20.10 hours. The cost is IR£45 and this includes collection at designated points around the city, delivery to and admission to the show. People will be dropped off at the same points on return. There are still 7 seats available and those interested should contact Liam Murphy EI3HK on 087-2521542 or 01-8316266 or E mail to lmurphy@telecom.ie . This e-mail changes to lmurphy@eircom.ie on Monday 6th September, as Telecom Eireann change their name on that day.

South Dublin Radio Club

After their annual break for the month of August, members of South Dublin Radio Club will resume their weekly meetings on Tuesday next, September 7th. As usual for this time of the year, one of the first items to be addressed will be the formation of a theory class. For many years now, South Dublin Radio Club has run a series of very successful radio theory classes from September to April. These classes are free, and new members are very welcome to join the club in order to avail of the classes. The club meets every Tuesday from 8.00pm to 10.00 pm, in the Ballyroan Community Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham. More information from Joe Ryan EI7GY, at 01-285 4250 after 7.00 o'clock in the evenings.

Dates for your diary

The Cork Radio Club annual rally will be held on Sunday September the 19th in the Blarney Park Hotel in Blarney. Enquiries to Con EI7DJB QTHR or on the telephone at 021-270136. The Leicester Amateur Radio and Electronics Exhibition will be held on September the 24th and 25th The RSGB International HF and IOTA Convention will be held at the Beaumont Conference Centre, near Windsor, over the weekend of

8th to the 10th of October. The annual Scouts Jamboree On The Air will be held over the weekend of October 16th and 17th. Further information from Pat EI9EZ QTHR. The North Monaghan Hobby Radio and Computer Exhibition will be held this year on Sunday the 24th of October in the Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan. The London Amateur Radio and Computer Show will be held this year on November the 27th and 28.

Input for the radio news should be sent to Dave EI4BZ at 021-883555 in the evenings or to 021-823150 during office hours You may E-mail to EI4BZ@tinet.ie or to EI8IR@tinet.ie

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